

# WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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## WORDS FROM YOUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT

As my term of office is drawing to an end I thought it timely to write a few words to you all. Firstly I would like to say many thanks to the marvellous team which is Waitakere Orchid Club, without your help these last 3 years would not have been easy for me.

It is wonderful to see the club continuing to extend and expand with membership numbers once again rising.

Financially we are in a very sound position and membership fees remain unchanged for another year, again due to your efforts.

Next year is a big year for orchids in Auckland with the advent of the 8th Orchid Council of NZ show. The last time it was held in Auckland was the inaugural show in 1980, so it will be a while until we have an opportunity for another.

Our club will need to excel itself to help wow the general public and our orchid fraternity. I know you will be there to support us in any way you can, so get those plants in prime condition ready to flower in September 2016.

Happy orchiding,  
**Lee Neale**



**RAMBLE DAY AT LANA'S - loads of fun!**

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday June 2nd 7.30pm**  
**(7.00pm Early Forum for newer members)**  
**Lions Whitehouse**

**Speaker: AGM.**

Please bring a small plate for supper, on a disposable plate. Cut any cakes etc at home. This enables the kitchen staff to be able to enjoy our meetings and not be stuck in the kitchen.

Help will be needed to vacuum the hall after the meeting. There are Two vacuum cleaners available!  
Please wear your name badge on club night.



***Happy June birthday to....***

June Sutton, Grahame Leafberg,  
Anne Bernard, Gangli Zhou, Barry Wilkinson,  
Cliff Coles, Brigit Janssen, Michael Chamberlain,  
Gaye Lunt and Mary Jones.  
Seems June is a 'good month'!

### FROM THE MAY MEETING

President Lee welcomed 46 members to our meeting and Kathy as a visitor.

**Apologies:** Sally Oberto, Pamela Mason, Bev Meredith, Gaye Lunt, Joy Inveld, June Sutton, Mary Jones and Irene Levett.

**Notices:** If you require a name badge give your details to Jim Shaw – once he has 10 orders, he will then purchase them.

**Plants on Display:** Remember to put a tick on the identity slip of the plant you wish to find out more about.

June Meeting is our AGM. Please see Lee if you would like to put your name forward for a position on the Executive Committee.

**OCNZ raffle tickets:** Time again for these. A distribution person is required.

Reminder to use the library books. There are some great books there for beginners and also the Orchid Digest and Australian Orchid Review which we subscribe to regularly. Please use our library!

Dennis presented Lee with an NZOS Award of Merit for C. Pat Thrall 'Brooke'.

Burt Ong gave a short talk on how he grows his orchids in plastic brochure holders.

The plant commentary was conducted by Lee and Dennis. Comments were given to those plants with 'ticks'. There were 52 plants on display!

The popular vote was won by Shirley Sidnam with Brs, Santa Inez.

Plants on display for March winner: Pauline.

Plants on display for April winners: Faith and Wolf.

### GROWING PLANTS MY WAY.....

#### DENNIS

**Question:** Why do I grow orchids?

**Answer:** To grow something different. I want to display my plants and to also propagate. My aim is to grow well.

Be selective. Only grow what you know you can grow well and decide what you cannot (or should not) grow.

Have fun but don't be a slave to your hobby, everyone can learn to be successful.

Observe the leaves, roots and bulbs of your plants.

**Research:** Use our club. Talk to local successful growers near to where you grow your own orchids and be aware of different growing conditions.

Use the internet or OrchidWiz but also remember that the loudest opinion is not always the best opinion!

Don't be afraid to ask why? (like a three year old), ask for an explanation. Then think, 'what if?'

Grow a few plants the same way then compare them against the normal way you grow and only change one thing at a time.

Your goal is what You think you can achieve and what you have learned throughout the experiment.

Broaden your knowledge. Observe. Research. Think and experiment - but most of all have fun.

Pauline Weeks

### *Raffle results....*



Thanks to the Club, Bryan, Jimmy and Margaret, Myra, Dennis and Walter for donating raffle prizes.

**Winners were:** Pauline, Bryan, Glenys, Ron, Lana, Lyn, Anne, Barry and Evelyn.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

**Subscriptions are now overdue  
To help Jill out, put the correct amount and  
form in an envelope with your name on it. (The  
poor lady gets bombarded with people needing  
change!)**



### **THANKS**

Once again members came forward and helped with supper. We did appreciate your efforts.

Great teamwork!

Thanks also for the help with the newsletter this month.

### **RAMBLE DAY – At Lana's**

We had a great time at Lana's - 13 of us in total. Lana showed us around her garden and several orchid growing areas both indoors and outside. It is very obvious that she is a keen gardener as every available space was planted with her treasures.

Lana is a very gifted craft hobbyist and we were shown her creations that had us in awe as to when she got the time to attend to all these hobbies as well as going to work and running a household.

'Girls can do anything' is certainly her motto. Well done Lana - loved our time at your place! Check out the photo on Page 1 with us wearing her creations!

Mary Jones.



**PLANTS ON DISPLAY 05.05.15**

(!) = (Not registered on Orchidwiz)

Spelling = \* Name Change = #

**Anjo McKernan**

V. Suman Gold x Kultana Gems  
V. Kultana Ruby x Van. Mini Palmer  
Ctt. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' AM/OCNZ  
Coel. *fimbriata*

Coel. *ovalis*

Lyc. *aromatic*

C. Hawaiian Snow Candy

Rlc. Rubescence

Rlc. Ryo Iwata

Psh. *cochleata*

**Anne Bernard**

Den. Yachiyo

**Barry Baxter**

Oncsa. Sugar Babies

Onc. *sotoanum*

Onc. Bittersweet 'Black Rose'

Rlc. EZO Robin's Magic \*

**Bryan Sharpe**

Brat. Dennis Klienbach 'Crowhurst' AM/AOS

(Previously Mitassia now Bratonia)

Brsdm. Gilded Urchin

Bulb. Star of Sumatra# = Bulb. *sumatranum* x *echinolabium*

Masd. Pixie Magic #

= (Pixie Leopard x Magic Dragon)

Masd. x *splendida* 'Torbay' (was *pariatoreana*)

Masd. Sunny Angel

Masd. Karen Eleanor

**Burt and Evelyn Ong**

Paph. *henryanum*

**Chris Whitby**

Paph. Voodoo Magic x Wood Wonder

**Dennis Chuah**

Rstp. *brachypus* # (was *striata*)

Bulb. *guttulatum*

Bulb. *macraei*

Cal. *vestita*

Epc. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'

Sngl. *longifolia*

Phal. Hsinying Maki

**Glenys MacRae**

Rth. Martha Clarke x Rlc. Firey Leopard

**Grahame Leafberg**

Paph. *insigne*

Den. Colonial Maid

**Ken Morse**

Masd. Sugar Baby

Masd. *barleana* x Whiskers

**Leroy Orchids**

Epi. (Pacific Sizzle x Pacific Glory) 'Sunnyvale'

Epi. Pacific Glory

Epi. Pacific Sunset 'So Cute'

C. Martha Clarke x Firey Leopard

Rth. Lee's Ruby

**Linda Alexander**

Phal. Chian Xen Piano

**Lito Teope**

Zygo. Titanic 'Susan' AM/OCNZ

C. Mari's Magic 'Triumph'

C. Hwa Yuan Bay 'She Shu' AM/NZOS

**Shirley Sidnam**

Zygo. *maxillare*

V. Blue Dreams

Brs. Santa Ynez

**Toby Maris**

Coel. *fimbriata*

**Wendy Gilligan**

C. *laeta* (was *orpetiana*)

**William and Man Lo**

Den. Jarek Jub Jub 'Pink Lady'

Den. White Grace

**Wolf and Faith Grausch**

C. *pumila*

C. (Bright Angel x Jillian Lee) x Tangerine Jewel

Rth. Koa # = Rth. Dal's Joy x C. Lana Coryell

Plant names written in *italics* and lower case depicts it is a *species*. Please correct your labels.

Apologies to Shirley Sidnam who won popular plant of the month.....We didn't get a photo of your plant!



**MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL**

Preparations are well underway for our Spring Show.

The Show Committee is busy working on advertising and has already received a lot of interest.

We have two working bees planned for July and August. Please take note of these dates and help where you can. There will be a working bee at Lee & Roy's to work on signs, ribbons for posy bowls and any other bits and pieces we need for the show.

It will be held on **Saturday 25th July at 1.30pm**. Please come along and join the fun.

There will be another working bee specifically to put up large signs, weeks before the show which will be the 15th & 16th August.

Thank you

**Glenys.**



Ramble Day for June will be held at Melvin and Linda Alexander's home on **Thursday**

**June 11th, 10.00am,**

133, Fred Taylor Drive, Whenuapai.

## **HOW OUR CLUB OPERATES**

### **Your Executive Committee:**

The executive Committee meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm at the Lincoln Road Bible Chapel on Lincoln Rd, Henderson. Meetings generally take one and a half hours and it is here where planning for the running of the club takes place. There are no meetings held in December and January. We need new members on this committee as they bring fresh and different ideas in many areas and stop us from becoming stale or routine.

### **President:**

This is recognized as a 3 year term. The President attends all executive and show committee meetings and is responsible for the smooth running of the club ensuring that each committee member fulfils their role. The President fronts the club night meeting assisted by various sub-committee members. The President is also seen as the link between the club and the Orchid Council of NZ and other clubs within and outside of Auckland.

### **Vice President:**

Back up to the President. Attends the Executive Meeting and it is expected that they will progress to President on completion of the current presidential term.

### **Secretary:**

Attends monthly executive meeting and records the minutes of the meeting. Prints these along with an agenda, ready for the next executive meeting. Attends to any correspondence. The secretary is also required to vet the incoming correspondence and present essential information, particularly from the Orchid Council of NZ, to the executive committee.

### **Treasurer:**

Expected to attend executive and show committee meetings as well as club night. Keeps the records of all income and expenditure and attends to banking requirements, presents a monthly financial statement to each executive meeting. Prepares annual records for analysis by the auditor and presents these at the AGM.

### **Bulletin Editor/Publications Chairperson:**

Produces the monthly newsletter, organizes the printing and posting of same as well as dispatching the email format. The Editor is the lynch pin of the society as she/he keeps us informed and up to date on countless issues. On the monthly club night the editor records all necessary items from the meeting for reporting in the Bulletin and also attends the executive meeting. Throughout the month they are the point of contact for many queries pertaining to the club or its members.

### **Membership Secretary:**

Collects and collates all the subscriptions from members. Meets and greets newer members on club night and manages the attendance register. Contacts new members for the first three months of membership to remind them of club night. Follows up on potential members following the shows. Attends executive committee meeting.

### **Program Chairperson:**

Is responsible for the social side of the club and has a team of members to assist in the duties. On Club night ensuring the tea break is managed. At show time the kitchen is manned and provides refreshments for the workers. During the year social events are organized, in particular bus trips or day jaunts. In the case of ill health or bereavements, cards are sent as appropriate. Attends the executive meeting.

### **Librarian:**

Maintains the club library. Sets the books out on club night and signs them out to members as well as ensuring books are returned in a timely fashion. Attends the monthly executive meeting.

Extra executive members help with decision making of the club and assist as needed in any area where they are able. Please consider joining the this team of willing workers - put your hand up at the AGM!